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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Nishioka et al. Docket No.: 60586-300501  
Serial No.: 09/788,047 Group Art Unit: 1711  
Filing Date: February 16, 2001 Examiner: Rabon A. Sargent  
For: **ACETIC ANHYDRIDE METHOD OF PURIFYING CRUDE ACETIC  
ANHYDRIDE, AND METHOD OF PRODUCING  
POLYOZYTETRAMETHYLENE GLYCOL USING ACETIC  
ANHYDRIDE**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Response to Office Action  
 Version with Markings to Show Changes Made;  
 Complete translations of three Japanese patents the present application is claiming priority to, along with a corresponding statement by Mr. Yoshikawa Toshio; and  
 Return postcard.

**STATUS**

Applicant is  
 a small entity  
 other than a small entity.

**EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 for the total number of months checked below:

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<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$ 920.00	\$460.00
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Fee \$110.00

Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is hereby made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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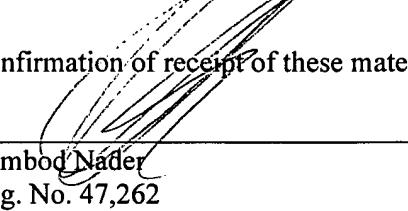
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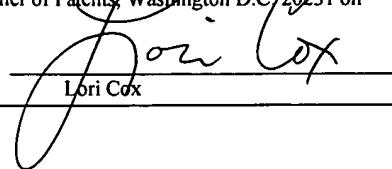
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